

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 13, line 6 and ending on page 13, line 24 as follows:

The other type of data store depicted in FIG. 2A is data warehouse 210. Data warehouse 210 illustratively contains data from database 201 arranged in a generally aggregated form. Data warehouse 210 may also contain data aggregations derived based on other aggregations, or based on data in database 201. The data in data warehouse 210 is generally organized to enhance the performance and speed of data retrieval and processing executed in association with business application 209. The fundamental underlying transaction data, however, is typically retrieved from database 201 as necessary for the performance various functions including aggregation manipulations. At least some of the data in data warehouse 210 is illustratively the same, or directly related to, data in database 201. Data warehouse 210 is illustratively configured to recognize on-line analytical processing (OLAP). In accordance with one embodiment, data warehouse 210 is an MS OLAP Server system as is available from Microsoft Corporation of Redmond, Washington. Other systems can be incorporated without departing from the scope of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 32, line 24 and ending on page 33, line 11 as follows:

Accordingly, a BAPI client includes an application that navigates information using BAPI. The BAPI, which will illustratively be exposed, is the principle interface implemented by a BAPI provider. A BAPI providers is an implementation of BAPI API: a BAPI client navigates to obtain a different information perspective vua a BAPI provider. The framework can then be extended through implementation of future/other providers through the similar Request/Response object exchange format. There therefor can be type specific BAPI providers (Hypermedia providers,

BIPath providers, etc.). This can be done through implementation of BAPI in a provider specific manner__to support custom Request/Response objects. The BAPI provider plugs itself into the BAPI provider manager and is used by the BAPI client in a delegation (if type is specified)/broadcasting pattern.